"All the Bits That Fit we Print"

Weather: One or the other all day to night. Details on page 69.

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Posters Plaster Walls In Preparation For 'Boys From Schenectady'

One can always tell when there's a musical brewing in Marple Newtown. MNBC starts playing "Music To Throw Up By" at 7:30 in the morning. Ridiculous posters show up plastered all over the building, and your worst enemies are suddenly very friendly, pleading with you to buy six dozen tickets: "They're all front row seats." Half of your Math V class disappears: "We're going down to the smoking lounge to rehearse." People who sing like bullfrogs sit in the cafeteria during lunch and practice their songs, as if the food wasn't bad enough!!

This year the MN stage is to receive the dubious honor of having 6000 Greeks and Romans run around on it in The Boys from Schenectady, a play about a small school which each year presents musicals to an unsuspecting public. The play opens with Don Quickoats of Davenport walking down a flight of stairs suspended from the rafters by Scotch tape. The tape breaks, the stairway collapses, and the entire cast is killed. End of scene.

The next scene, entitled "Dragula, is the story of a closet queen vampire who dresses up in 18th-century women's clothing, prances about the town cemetery, and bites only men. And not even in the neck.

The third and last scene portrays a columnist for the school newspaper who is removed from the paper's staff for ridiculing the efforts of the school's drama guild.

"Ah shucks, couldn't get on the 3:20 again." Loitering has become a problem at MN since bus drivers have been checking for Vo-Tech passes.

BUMA COMMAND REPORTS INSURGENT REPULSION

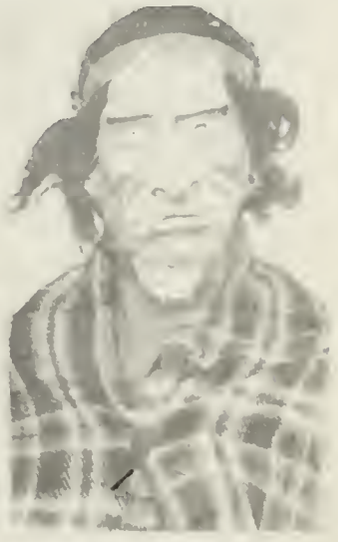
MAYYALI, BUMA:April 1-The Burmese battle command reported the repulsion of the armed insurgents from their nation of 350 persons.In an exclusive interview with the Times, Major General Szent-Gvorgi von Nagvrapolt said that the functional power coalition was being rectified.

"Operational network matrix systems are being installed to prevent the agressors from penetrating our front lines "Nagvrapolt continued.

The American-educated general was part of the aid package sent to Buma from neighboring Iquitos.

The Times news bureau on this Pacific Ocean island interviewed the insurgent forces. "Negative interpersonal gradients are being studied in an effort to capture the capital," Field Marshall Sully Soore-ported.

Military experts in the west rate the optimal chance for successful interference as being only about 68-93 per cent. They comment that the modern strategic capabilities have been greatly elevated since Iquitosian aid began.



A native Burmese soldier fiercely watches our The New Yuck Times photographer snap his picture.

Teachers Prepare To Strike For Better Students

Teachers decided to strike for better pupils last night at a closed door session of the MNEA.

"We can't stand the kids," said a teacher who wore a mask to the interview." If the school board won't meet our demands, we'll strike, and then we'll riot."

"There isn't a student in this school that I'd say was anything close to decent," said another teacher, who asked to be identified as Mrs. X.

The teachers plan two stages to their strike. The first will simply be a protest march around the football field. Tickets are $4.50, $5.50, and $6.00. Students will not be allowed to attend.

Stage two will be what MNEA leaders plainly call a "riot."

"We hope to burn college applications, student term papers,recommendations, and students school photos in a mass grave. The burning will take place after the first day of the strike; lootings, robberies, graffitti, and vandalism will follow. It should be an exciting evening," the MNEA leader said.

EDITORIAL

Congress Considers Six Day School Week

A new bill to extend the school week to six days is presently being debated in Congress.

Although a six day school week may seem frightening at first, there are advantages to the new system. Americans will be better educated than the people of any other country. Students will have fewer parties on Friday nights, because they have school on Saturday. With fewer parties, fewer cases of drunkenness will result.

Students will be happier because their basic desire for more and more knowledge will be further satisfied.

Mothers will be relieved, with the kids out of the house for another day. Kids will be relieved because they won't have to talk to their parents for one more day.

Students will have more days to enjoy the cafeteria's famous food. Those students who enjoy skipping school will have another day each week to test their wits against the administration. Although they may not realize it yet, everyone will be happier with the six day school week.

Of course, some disadvantages do arise. The school district will have to use up a lot more gasoline in transporting students. Also, weekend trips would only be able to last from Saturday afternoon to Sunday.

The advantages of the six day school week far outweigh the disadvantages. So, make the most of it, and enjoy it. Who knows, the next step may be the six day, 12 hour a day school week. After that, the 12 month school year. There may be no stopping it.

Copepod Wax Is Crucial

In an exclusive document made available to the Times it was disclosed that the role of wax on oceanic food chains is crucial. Also disclosed was the fact that copepods, ubiquitous marine crustaceans, store energy in the form of wax.

Most copepods are herbivorous and feed only on phytoplankton; at times they also combine oleic acid with synthetic docosahexaenoic. The discovery is rated by science advisors interviewed exclusively by the Times as one of the major finds in the study of Calanus plumchrus copepods.

The composition of the wax synthesized is dependent on the starvation levels of the individual eukrohnia. Fatty acids are not crucial to the chain, however. Storage of wax varies according to the molecular weight of the individual water droplets. New developments on this fascinating find will appear in a later released-report to be released in its entirety by the Times.

Marathon Benefits Hungry Hungarians

Thirteen MN students will stop eating Friday night for charity. The marathon should last at least three days. It is hoped $2 thousand will be collected from pledges.

Sponsor Mrs. Mullen says that all proceeds will benefit Hungarian's hungry.

"We hope to send as much money as possible over to the hungry in Hungary. These hungry Hungarians deserve our support, and I think that this hunger marathon will be beneficial to the Hungarians."

The marathon will end when all thirteen fasters are declared completely "famished and finished". Two doctors from the area will be on hand to attest to the fact that the students do "kick the bucket".

Course Selection Expands

Course #

289 CREATIVE CLASS CUTTING--This course is designed to help the future prison inmate train for his vocation. It involves methods of cutting class, excuses to be used if caught in the halls without a pass and what to tell the assistant principal when you are called to his office. Classes are held in the main lobby, the back lobby, the rest rooms, and the rear parking lot. 5ppw; 1.0 cr.

327 HALLWAY NECKING--Course teaches basic principals of making out between classes, during lunch, and where the best spots to go at it can be found. Includes nightly homework assignments. 5ppw; 1.0 cr.

328 ADVANCED NECKING--Continuation of Hallway Necking. Includes "Coming up for Air," "Hickies," and a study of nearby movie theatres to ascertain the importance of poor lighting as a necessity for good necking practices. 10ppw; 1.5 cr.

329 ADVANCED NECKING II--Includes petting, hickies, third base, and a study of clinics in Philadelphia, New York, and Puerto Rico. 24 hrs./day; 9.0 cr./child.

427 STREET FIGHTING--Educates the student in the science of fighting in gangs. Includes proper use of razors, handguns, rifles, bazookas, and Sherman tanks. Also gives cultural aspects of gang warfare by demonstrating the use of broken bottles (Puerto Rico), switchblades (Italy), umbrellas (England), and walrus tusks (Artic Circle). Classes meet after dark in West Philly. 3 sessions/wk. 1.5 cr.

599 VANDALISM WORKSHOP--Focuses on the fine art of destruction of antiques, Ming Vases, and all school equipment. Also includes the legal penalties resulting if the vandal is caught. Proper handling of spray paints, sledgehammers, shotguns, and hand grenades. 2ppw; .5 cr.

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Band Plans Spectacular On Sand In Arabia

After the success of this year's "Band on Ice", the MN Band and MN Boosters have announced their plans for the 75-76 school year.

September- The band will be flown to Saudi Arabia, where the first-ever Band on Sand concert will be given. MN boosters President Videon says he does not plan to lose more than five or six performers due to quick sand.

October-Band on Rice The band will be flown to China, where they will give four performances to elderly chinese directly from the rice paddies.

November- Band on Mice. Since MN alumni Bruce Davison first made it big in the film Willard, MN's band is planning a movie of their own. Since right now the ARU (Acting Rats Union) is on strike, mice had to be hired to play the roles of the rats. Videon hopes to have enough rat costumes to fit all the mice.

December-Band on Dice. In December, the band will fly to Las Vegas where they will perform in the MGM grand hotel casino.

January-Band on Lice. One of the least spectacular of the band's extravaganza's, the MN band will don their old uniforms, (many which are infested with lice, moths, and vermin), and perform for the community in the High school gym.

February-Band on Demand. During February, the band will play for you anytime you'd like. It should be great for parties, funerals, bar-mitzvahs, picnics, dances and just for fun.

March- Band Advice. The band will open its secret rehersals to the public, to take advice on how to improve their act.

April-band-a-lama-With the camels, donkeys, and lamas that they brought back from Saudi Arabia, band members will mount these beasts, and gallop around the Spectrum playing their instruments.

May-A tribute to the musical genius of Harry Harvey, even though the band is running out of things that rhyme with ice, they are not running out of ideas for concerts. Harry Harvey (named after Harry Harvey field) who never wrote a song in his life, will be the subject of this concert, proving that a testimonial can be given about anyone.

June- Band on H2O. Any ice will have by this time melted, so the band is planning to wear scuba diving equipment and play while swimming around in the pool.

FCA Schedule Includes Frisbee Match

FCA President Mike Pelochi announced upcoming club activities in the catacombs of Marple Newtown High recently.

Selected FCA members will compete in a ski tournament in the Swiss Alps with members of American FCA branch cluba this May. FCA will use the $5 thousand they received from the Student Activity Fund to subsidize the trip. An additional $400 will be raised through pretzel sales.

"I feel that FCA members have worked hard during the last year and will work hard in preparation for this extraordinary event," commented Pelochi.

A frisbee meet will be held on the medial strip of West Chester Pike between Drexel Hill Style Pizza and the Greasy Spoon in late June. Contestants are only permitted to use chartruese Wham-O competitive frisbees, to prevent disturbance of traffic passing by.

FCA members gathered July 13, 1974, to enter the Giovani Book of World Records with a full-sized working Volkswagen made from 100 per cent cryatallized H_2O. This year the club will attempt to sculpt a full-size reproduction of the World famous Liberty Bell on July 4, as part of the Bicentennial festivities.

Dr. Benjamin Harrison, club sponsor, suggested a swim marathon in Darby Creek to be held next winter.

FCA members Barb Wire, Chris Dopeless, Merry Roaensplatt, Krass Sparrow, Donut Violin, Cowbird Bock, Ever Kleene, Tweeter Kazoo, and "Spike" Pelochi admire their latest World Record Sculpture.

CHOIR ACCOMPANIES JAGGER

The MN Choir is now arranging to sing back up for Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones' next album. Some of the songs to be featured on the album are: Hymn 12 in B flat, Hungarian Sonata in Allegro F minor, Canta Sola Grecandala Menta da, and Richard Strauss's concerto in E flat. Good luck Choir!

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The senior high is the next school that the school board is planning to close due to declining enrollment. Board President Clay announced today that by 1977 he hopes to close the school. Good idea Henry!

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The Girls Swim team has been invited to spend an afternoon at Mark Spitz's indoor pool. "After watching them swim at one of their meets, I just had to ask them all out here to California to look at my seven gold pieces." Spitz said. The team will have bake sales every Tuesday afternoon from now until 1999 to pay for the trip.

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The budget allotment for the ATP program has been drastically cut by the state. ATP students will have class in the boiler room and eat lunch in various broom closets throughout the school because of the cut.

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April has been designated as 'Treat a Flunkie to Answers" month. All honor roll students are requested to give answers on tests to students with flunking grades. If all pitch in, those funny little E's will stop appearing on the report cards once and for all.

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The Future Nurses of America club is looking for a few good bodies to practice certain nursing procedures on. Those interested please report to room 234 after school today. Insurance policies, last wills, and first of kin addresses would be appreciated.

«Confetti» Will Fall on MN

Tickets for the senior prom on June 6 at the Sheraton Hotel in Valley Forge will go on sale during May, before and after school in the front lobby. announced senior class officers recently.

Tickets will cost $35 or less per couple depending on the outcome of future fund raising activities.

Senior boys may receive a discount on tuxedos rented from Iacobucci's on Eagle Road in Havertown.

"Confetti" a rock musical will appear on the MN stage this spring. Tickets to the senior class-sponsored activity will cost $3.

T-shirt sales are planned also. Car washes are scheduled for the spring.

Girls Track Gets Funds, Becomes Team

Money makes the world go-round...or at least the girls on MN's ~~track~~ team. Now that the MN girls' track team receives school funds, they will be able to enjoy the neccessary equipment that has been missing from the team for the last three years. This is due to the ruling that a sport receives school funding only after it is in existance for three years.

Under the PIAAC, the girls will compete against all Central League teams and will be equipped with uniforms, sweatsuits, transportation to meets, and all other equipment needed for the season.

"This year's team promises to be the strongest team ever. The girls have a great sense of spirit, accomplishment and the will to win," says Ms. Agnes Spear, Girls' Track Team Coach.

The girls will challenge this statement on April 7, at their first away meet against Radnor. Other competition includes meets with Lower Merion-April 9, Conestoga-April 14, Springfield-April 30, and Haverford-May 5.

The Tigresses will compete in the high jump, long jump, relays, sprints, hurdles, medleys, runs, 8 lb. shotput and softball throw.

PYE Celebrates Anniversary

The Protect Your Environment Club of Marple Newtown celebrates the fourth anniversary of its recycling project this month, according to Nancy Kotz, PYE president.

The Marple Woman's Club began the project in April 1971.

GROUP

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in the Group's ability to dominate the upcoming competition.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris Clavert, Girl of the Month; Steve DiCerchio, Boy of the Month; Celeste Jochimsen, Student of the Month; and Edward Ottinger, Vo-Tech Student of the Month.

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Congratulations to MN seniors Debby Bell, Ken Doyle, and Julie Sam for being chosen as contestants for the statewide Outstanding Teenagers of America contest in May.

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Congratulations to junior Rick Vanstone who recently received the Marple Newtown String Ensemble Scholarship Award for continuing violin students.

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Congratulations to Kristin Williams and Dottie King, who split $60 in prize money as winners of the Mini-Marathon Friday, March 14. Rob Vandetty and Mindy Petroff danced to second place.

ABZUG

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example of the abuse of the rights of private citizens.

The 1974 election was the first time in history that minorities and women received an active voice in the government. More representation was achieved and this trend should continue, Ms. Abzug said.

Mar News was awarded a first place in the newspaper category. Dinos won a second place in the literary magazine category.

Over 5000 students attended sessions that covered various aspects of layout, production, writing, and editing.

Mar News delegates included Sara Schorsch, Pete Tallian, Paul Sperry, Cindy Ryskamp, Andy Lee Sherri McCandless, Diane Herknesa, Missy Rose, Mike Kean, Dave Goren and Jeff Zaslow.

Dinos delegates included Sue Becker, Karen Smolinsky, Jeff Pinsk, Mark Goldberg, and Matt Robbins.

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'76 Olympics

'I'll be there' -Wierick

Few people in Marple Newtown were surprised when junior John Wierick won the 100 yd. backstroke at the State Tournament four weeks ago. John has won so often this year that winning is almost expected of him.

Wierick led the Boys Swim Team to a second finish in the Central League while being the most consistent swimmer in the league. He won at least one gold medal in every meet.Wierick currently holds six school records: both relays, the 100, 200, 500 yd. free and the 100 backstroke.

Next year Wierick will aim for a certain record next year-"all of them."

Wierick began swimming at an early age and progressed at an alarming rate. When he was 10 and again at the age of 12, he was ranked second nationally in his age group. He currently swims for Suburban Swim Club as well as the MN Swim Team. This fall he will represent the Middle Atlantic AAU All-Stars in Germany.

When asked to make a prediction about next year's team, John placed Marple fourth behind Radnor, Conestoga and Upper Darby.

He explained that the Tigers are losing much of the team to graduation and it will be a rebuilding-year. Wierick expressed sorrow that coach Alan Jones is leaving as coach but seemed pleased with the replacement Jim Wolf.

The '76 Olympics is a topic Wierick is tired of speaking about. He said that he has given it a lot of thought and will probably try out for the team. He didn't seem too optimistic, but then he added,"Everybody's got a chance, right? I'll be there."

Yeah, John, you'll be there.

CORNMAN WINS SECOND PLACE IN STATE FINALS

Marple Newtown's Donn Cornman dropped an 8-3 count to Rich McIntyre of Bethlehem Freedom to finish second at the 145-lb. weight class in the Pennsylvania State Wrestling Tournament.

Cornman, who finished at 23-2 for the year, gave up an early first-period takedown to McIntyre but tied the score with a quick reversal to open the second.

McIntyre outmuscled Cornman for a pair of reversals, one in the second period and the other to start the third. After a Cornman escape, McIntyre scored a takedown to wrap up the title.

"I don't know how pleased I am with finishing second," admitted Corman.

"I mean, there is such a big difference between second and first.I'm really disappointed.

Disappointed or not, Cornman is one athlete the MN community should be proud of. No other MN wrestler has gone as far in the annual tournament.

Junior Jorge Leon, wrestling in the 105-lb. weight class, also reached the states, but lost 6-3 in the opening round to last year's champ.

The tournament which featured outstanding high school wrestlers from all over the state was held at Pennsylvania State College in University Park, Pa.

MN Wrestler Donn Cornman finishes second in the Pennsylvania State Wrestling Tournament.

McKonly Faces Tough Season

As track and field rolls around for another year, Coach McKonly faces the loss of some key men to graduation. McKonly faces both a short preparation time and a new league format with dual meets each week.

With the first league meet in early April and a very light turnout this year, the Tigers' trail will be tougher this time around.

All is not lost, however, Coach McKonly says, "We have some outstanding individual talent on the squad this year, the only question being 'Can we get it together as a team?'"

McKonly will be hard pressed to replace Bruce Coren for the shotput and discus. Also, the mile relay team, which was second in the Central League, is just about torn apart through graduation and will have to be rebuilt.

Some brighter spots are the return of leading point getter Jim Crauthers and Co-captain Steve Hamilton.

The biggest plus is Jimmy Clelland. All Central League last year, who was excellent in distance running. Other highlights of the season are Glenn Theil in the javelin, Doug Chanudet in the high hurdles, Mark McBrin in the pole vault and the relay teams. So the talent is there, but the big question is "Can it be put together? Only time will answer this.

Relay Team Wins First, Sets Record

Being Central League Girls Swimming Champions with nine straight victories is an accomplishment in itself, but sending five girls to the State Finals and breaking three state records is another.

On February 28 and March 1, Brenda Borgh, Joanne Williams, Sara Shuster, Ann Bartlett and alternate Chris Calvert went up to Penn State to compete in their last high school competition for the '75 season... the finals.

The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Ann Bartlett, Brenda Bourgh, Joanne Williams, and Sara Shuster came in First Place and set a new record of 3:40.13 minutes.

But that was not enough, for the determined Ann Bartlett went on to win two more First Places and broke two more state records: the 500 yard freestyle, with a time of 5:03.85, and the 200 yard freestyle in 1:55.21 minutes.

"Ann promised herself this year she would win it," according to Girls Swim Team Coach Joan Johnson. And, in her return to States last month, Ann did.

Brenda Borgh continued her winning ways, placing second in the 200 yard Individual Medley with a time of 2:12.28 minutes.

Ms. borgh also placed an eleventh place in the 200 yard freestyle and a tenth in the 500 yard freestyle.

The 400 yard relay team is presently ranked second in the nation for high school relay team, and the relay made the All-American team 1975.

Coach Johnson feels the team will have a good season next year with Radnor as their biggest competators.

Marple Newtown Sr. High, Newtown Square, Pa.

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Board Details Closing

Brown Elementary school will be converted into a Paxon Hollow Junior High annex, the Long Range Planning Committee of the Marple Newtown School Board announced March 17 in choosing a plan defined as Option 7.

Option 7 was finally selected in a close 5-4 vote. Board members Grant, Matt, Wenrich, Martinez, and Clay favored the adoption of Option 7, while Reminger, Keates, Farber, and Abrams opposed it.

The advantages of Option 7 are the following:
-There will be one auxiliary classroom in each elementary school in 1975-76.
-All classes will have under 30 students; ideally a 23 to 1 student to teacher ratio.
-MN Junior High will be phased out in 3 years.
-MN Junior High's older section will be demolished, not repaired.
-The remainder of MNJHS will be used for administration, business, park, and recreation, and other MN Township facilities.

The 300 citizens who attended the meeting were concerned about busing, team teaching, class size, and junior high school sports, but mainly about financing the complex transition.

School Superintendent Glenn Sanner has not finalized the details of the implementation of Option 7.

'Group' Captures First In Regional Competion

Traveling to University Park, Pennsylvania, the Marple Newtown Performance Group will enter their play From Shakespeare with Love at a statewide competition on Friday and Saturday April 18 and 19.

The play took first place in local and regional competition; this qualified it to compete at the state level.

The play consists of scenes from several of Shakespeare's plays, including Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, As You Like It, All's Well That Ends Well, and Hamlet plus original dialogue by director Jan T. Kubicki.

The cast and crew began work on the play in January. It was first performed in February at the District 10 local competition at Lincoln University.

"Part of the success of the show is that the actors are uniquely suited for their roles. They understand what they're doing. The actors have contributed a lot of ideas to the show. It's a group effort. There is a great feeling of accomplishment among the actors," commented Kubicki on the relations of the actors' abilities to the play's success.

Kubicki also has faith

Abzug Urges Declassification

Listening to Representative Bella Abzug speak on CIA corruption and attending seminars hosted by professional journalists occupied the time of members of Mar News and Dinos March 13 14 and 15.

Representative Abzug spoke at the luncheon of delegates to the Colombia Scholastic Press Association convention in New York City. She urged that most government documents are needlessly classified and that the majority should be made available to the public.

National security should not be used as a blanket excuse for covert operations Abzug said. Abzug cited the opening of her mail by the CIA as an

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'Boys From Syracuse' Blends Humor, Burlesque

"The Boys From Syracuse is one of the funniest shows I've ever worked on." says Henry Fetterman, director of this all-school musical to be presented April 10, 11, and 12.

A risqué comedy set in ancient Greece, Boys revolves around mistaken identitys between two sets of times. It contains several colorfully costumed, humorous scenes portrayed on a unique set composed of three turntables.

The show features burlesque in the musical number "Oh, Diogenes!", remnants of Vaudeville style in "Sing for Your Supper," and nostalgic familiarity in "Falling in Love With Love."

Since the annual musical is usually performed in May, the schedule is tighter this year. However, the show is "coming along great," according to Gwirtz.

All 45 cast members rehearsed during spring vacation because of the time squeeze.

"Everyone is really pulling for a great show," affirmed musical director Richard Gwirtz.

Master carpenter Ted Robbins is directing stage crew members.

Mitch Gershenfeld is student conductor, Mrs. Frances Carter is the producer, and Laura Fetterman is the choreographer.

Tickets are available now for $1.00, $1.50, and $2.00, depending on location of the seats.

(l. to r.) Laif Percell, Steve Matt, Bob Hull, Peter Famiglio, Jay Hershorin, Chris Hope, Rich Langan, and Peter Anderson prance across the stage while rehearsing for Boys From Syracuse.

EDITORIAL

MN Witnesses An Epidemic Of Fear

By Kenneth Doyle

Marple Newtown High School is witnessing the beginning of epidemic.

The first symptoms of this plaque were the effects of unsafe chemicals on a student here. But now the feeling that plaques many students and, especially their parents, can be summed up in one word--fear.

It started when Edward Leppert died in his third period swimming class. He did not die easily or quietly; instead, his death was sudden and tragic and left too many unanswered questions.

Later examination showed Ed Leppert to be the victim of a drug called phenecyclidine (known to most by the abbreviation PCP.) The discovery of PCP answered one question but seemed to also bring up many more.

Phenecyclidine is an animal tranquilizer and, by all informed accounts, not safe for use by humans. Yet the drug has been reported to be so commonly used by humans that it is readily available to nearly anyone who wants it. It is bought and sold right here in Marple Newtown.

It is so readily available, in fact, that some claim even those smart enough not to use it may become victims of PCP. And it is this fear which is the root of the current epidemic.

It is by no means an exaggeration to say that at least one mother read a story about Ed Leppert in the Philadelphia Bulletin and sent her child to school the next day with a lunch bag stapled shut, telling the student he was not to eat if the bag had been opened by someone else. Similar stories are not uncommon. The fearful parents are apparently motivated by emotional and sensational accounts of events at Marple Newtown reported through misinformed rumors and newspaper stories (the offense by the Bulletin being the latest and the greatest.)

This writer went to the students at Marple Newtown to try to find the answers to some of the questions raised and charges leveled.

Is there a psychedelic van in the school parking lot that brings drugs from Deleware? Are the students who don't drink or take drugs considered square? Did Ed Leppert take PCP willingly or was he poisoned? Finally, the question that frightens everyone--is there really a conscious organized effort by so-called "pushers" in Marple Newtown to "hook" non-users by seeding their food with drugs in the cafeteria?

After the questioning of about twenty people on this subject and after about three years of observation of the school I can report the following:

First, no one I talked to knew anything about a drugmobile, psychedelic or otherwise, in the parking lot. The idea that the drugs in the school come from a single source in the parking lot which only a few people know about seemed ridiculous.

Second, some students at Marple Newtown take drugs, some take alcohol, some take both, and some do neither. Those who fall into each of these categories tend to group together and befriend each other. The students in each group tend to think ill of those in the other groups and call the members of other cliques names. "Squares," "straights," "freaks," "wasteheads," and "jocks" are just a few of the epithets used. The assertion that the group that does not indulge in drugs and alcohol is the single outcast and untouchable group is a fallacy.

Third, it is not for this writer to judge Ed Leppert. I must recognize the concern and sincerity of those who insist that he could not have been a drug user. Yet I must also report that there are many who have thought hard about this subject and feel that they cannot rule out the possibility that he was not poisoned, but rather the victim of his own tragic mistake in taking the drug knowingly.

Finally, despite the concern of those parents mentioned before, none of the students I talked to had any fear of the food in the cafeteria. If there is a plot on the part of some students to encourage drug use by lacing non-users' food with chemicals, then it is the best-kept secret in Marple Newtown. There has been no direct evidence of such a conspiracy. The circumstancial evidence cited in reports of Ed Leppert's death does not frighten the students of Marple Newtown the way it has frightened some people outside the school, and his death should not be taken as an excuse for gripping paranoia.

No matter how one views it, the "drug problem" cannot be solved with fear and propoganda; those kinds of lies and that kind of hysteria is easy to see through. The only beneficial results will be gained by truthfully informing students with rational facts. Students will make their own decisions. The only hope is to tell them the truth and trust them.

LETTER

COMMENCEMENT - LET THE TRADITION CONTINUE

Dear Editor,

In reply to Ken Doyle's editorial on Commencement in the March 7 Mar News, I feel graduation is not outmoded and irrelevent as Mr. Doyle asserts. Nor do I think I will be a pawn in an ancient game as I participate in Commencement.

Mr. Doyle's proposals for changes seem to reflect no change for the better, just change for the sake of change. Sure I would like to sit with, and converse with my friends at Commencement, but conversing with friends is not the purpose of the Commencement ceremony. And if Mr. Doyle's suggestion of allowing students the choice of clothes to wear is carried out, I'd hate to think how many students would show up in dirty, wornout jeans and T-shirts to such an important event.

After all, commencement is not intended to be a big social party, but a serious ceremony to look back on through later life. Wearing a gown and participating in a carefully planned ceremony is what the Commencement is all about.

There will be plenty of time for socializing and partying after the ceremony. And Mr. Doyle's theory that the reward for conforming to the system for twelve years should be freedom to do your own thing is exactly correct.

Everyone has plenty of time to exercise this freedom after graduation.

I have a right to participate in the Commencement of my choice too--let the tradition continue.

Robert Johansen

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Silly songs scintillate students

YOU'RE SIXTEEN

You come here and I'll scream,
You're like a bad dream,
A face like a rhino's behind.
You're sixteen, and I'm glad you're not mine,
You're fat and have braces,
Curves in the wrong places,
Gosh am I glad you're not here!!
You're sixteen and I'll call the cops,
If you come near!

IF I HAD A HAMMER

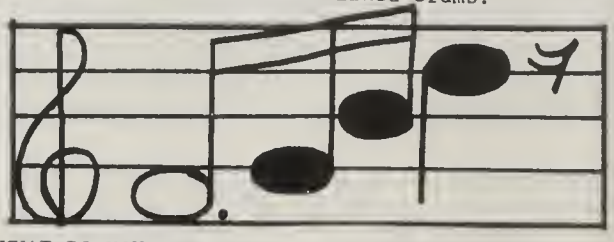
If I had a hammer,
You'd have to start running,
Cause I'd be a-chasin' you
All over this world.
I'd hammer you black and blue,
Just think what I'd do to you
I'd hammer you here and there,
And there and here,
All over the world.

FAR FROM YOU

Why do birds lift their beaks and snear
Every time you appear?
Just like me,
They'd love to be
Far from you!
Come the day that you were born
The devil and his croonies
Decided to create a lousy bum.
So they made you with your ugly face,
and skinny legs-
You're such a unliked crumb!

MY EYES IGNORED YOU

My eyes ignored you
And i'd never lay my hands on you,
Cause I deplore you.
You disgust me so much it's plain to see
I'd love to floor you.
So far.. so far...but not far enough!



WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU FALL OFF A CLIFF?

What do you get when you fall off a cliff?
You get a good chance to break your rib cage,
And you'll probably die no matter what age,
Oh...I'll never fall off a cliff again.
Don't tell me that insurance covers it
Cause I've fallen twice and I didn't get a penny.
Oh these rocks you hit and splatter,
And the doctors ask you, "What's the matter?"
Oh,...I'll never fall that far...again.

MR. ROBINSON

And here's to you, Mr. Robinson,
Distributive Ed.'s never been so fine.
That's what I said.
So keep on truckin' Mr. Robinson.
You sure are a groovy DE guy,
My...my...my.

NEWS BITS

Classes Desegregated

The school board has announced that they will stop all segregation at Marple Newtown. There will be a black person in every class, even if make-up must be used. Christmas and Hanukkah will be celebrated in all classrooms simultaneously. Singing of Hanukkah songs and Christmas carols must be done simultaneously also. There will be a Symbanese Liberation Supporter in each class also.

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Student reporter, Jack S. Queeralnick has decided to do some investigative reporting on the question,"Is Thomas Jefferson really dead?" Jack says no! He hopes to prove he is right...this month.

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The Class of '76 has picked the Valley Forge swamp for its graduation sight. President Mark Orlando said that in keeping with the Bicentennial, he thinks this is a good place. Also it is very cheap. Mark said that army boots are going on sale this month, so graduates-to-be can start buying those much needed items. The swamp is said to be three feet deep in mud.

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75 Votech students decided to play a pre-April fools joke on the community last week. They built a brick wall, papier mached over it, and then painted a picture of West Chester Pike on it. Over 90 cars collided with the wall, thinking it was really the pike. Good idea, vo-techers.. you really got their goat....and their fenders,wind shields...head lights...bumpers.....

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GWM wishes to meet BiF. for dinner, dancing and Waltzing through Central Park after midnight. Only those versed in self-defense need apply. Box 45.

WCC wishes to meet with good-looking secretary in the Business Offices for movies and what-have-you. Please don't tell my wife. Box 33.

PRGM wishes to meet anyone for a trip to Jose's Tacos y cosas especiales. Jajaja. Box '64 Chevy.

CR wishes to meet GWF in darling little dark closet for S-M, MD, and anything you feel like doing, sweetheart. Box 7.5

For sale: 1 school newspaper--four colums, offset printing , anywhere four to eight pages.8.5x11" Complete with editors - in-chief, two feature editors, two sports editors, two editorial editors, one production editor with assistants, two IBM typewriters, coffeepot, blackboard w/out eraser. Box 99¢

Available for hire: 1 midget advisor for above newspaper. Low rates (free), and I don't take up much space..Box 75.

Faculty Discovers War Hero

Yesterday the world stood in awe as MN made the international spotlight.

Ulysses S. Grant,Union Army General during the Civil War, disclosed to the Times that he is the same Ulysses S. Grant that has been attending Marple Newtown High as a sophmore.

Grant commanded the army at the age of 32: he is now 143 years old.

"I dodn't want the world to know that I was so old," Grant confided to a Times reporter,"so I just enrolled in MN.

"The kids here never noticed, either. Not even my biology teacher realized my age."

Grant who lives in Newtown Square with his older brother Mike,(not a Civil War fighter-he had flat feet), hopes to be allowed to remain in school.

"I only finished the fourth grade, and I want to learn some things that will help me get a good joh when I graduate. I like MN: I

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THOSE TYPICAL MN STUDENTS...

SO, THIS IS TRUE MN SPIRIT, HUH!
HI, MRS. BEDEIN!
"BOYS FROM SYRACUSE" IS COMING
WHEEEE!
LOOK! IT'S THE REAL BATMAN!
I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS A PHONY ONE...
HELP!
HERE'S MAJORING IN STUDY HALL NEXT YEAR!
I'VE COME FOR MY IMITATOR!
ASK KEVIN WHO'S WORKING CREW TODAY!
WHEN DOES STREAKER SEASON START?
GIVE ME AN "M" GIVE ME AN "N" WHAT DOES IT SPELL?
RIGHT NOW!
GNAARK
EEK! PUNCH!
MN
HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU HAVE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
HE GOT HIS HEAD REMOVED IN THE 'GUILLOTINE' ACT!
MAMA!
TICKETS
WHAT WERE YOU TWO DOING UNDER THE TABLE?
COUNTING ROACHES... WHAT ELSE?
WHAT'D THEY PUT IN THIS FOOD?
THE CHOCOLATE MILK GIVES ME GA
IF I DON'T HAND IN MY CHEM O'STREE WORK, MR. JEFFRIES'LL GIMME A KU-CHING!
MN BAND
LET'S SEE... $x+\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{1}}=a^2$ is obviously the null set!!!
TUBMAN!
I REALLY DESERVED AN 'A'! I WAS SO CLOSE - IT'S THE TEACHER'S FAULT!
OH... MY GYM SHORTS ARE KILLING ME!
IT STINKS WORSE IN HERE THAN IN THE LOCKER ROOM!
M-When do ya wanna drive?
WHO CARES?
SHERRI -! IS SARA LAYING OUT THE FIRST PAGE
LAST ONE TO THE CHOIR ROOM IS A 'B' FLAT!
FLASH
JULIE! JULIE! JULIE!
CINDY - I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY!
I WONDER IF HAVERFORD HIGH IS RUN LIKE THIS.
WHERE YA' EATIN' LUNCH?
GOO-GOO!
OY VEY!
WHERE ELSE BUT THE GIRLS' ROOM? IT'S THE PLACE TO GO!
WHADDA YA WANNA CUT TODAY?
DUNNO
FOOD!
SARRY CUTTIN 3:15
I'M GLAD APRIL 1ST ONLY COMES ONCE A YEAR!

Cahter and The Rock Traded For McIntyre

English teacher Frances Cahter and Social Studies harvey A. The Rock" Dope were traded to Walt Whitman high for counselor Liz McIntvre, $4.79, a future third round draft choice, and a teacher to be named later. it was announced vesterday to the Times by Principal William C. Manicotti.

'We needed to holster our counseling corps, stated Manicotti. But we sure will miss 'The Rock'."

In other transactions, Assistant Principal Ray Bestos was given his unconditional release, reviving rumors that former psycho "Dolf" Hitler will be hired as the new Assistant Principal.

The MN Boys Basketball Team displays its fine shooting skill.

MN DUMP TRUCK TEAM ROLLS PAST SPRINGFIELD

The MN Dump Truck Racing team opened this season with a sweeping victory over Springfield.

The event, sanctioned by the National Dump Truck Racing Associ tion (NDTRA) was held in Butte, Montana on a specially designed track. The track is an oversized version of the Indianapolis 500 course.

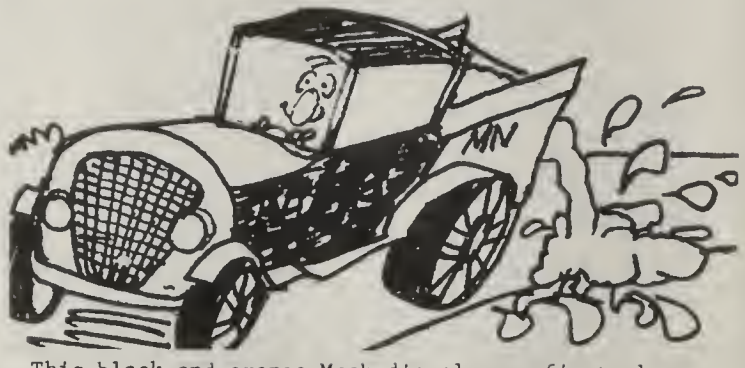
Marple's driving team of Masters and Johnson used two 10-wheel, black and orange Mack diesels. with horsepower rated at about 450 h.p. each. Springfield entered two 14-wheel, 450 h.p., V-8 piston-engine International Harvesters.

At speeds of up to 90 m.p.h., the two teams battled it out around the track. But Springfield's inexperience with 13-speed trucks, combined with a foul-up in the cooling system of one truck, helped Marple gain laps in the first part of the race. An added advantage for Marple was the installation of Allison automatic transmissions in the trucks.

In the second half of the race, both Marple and Springfield lost two trucks each to blowouts. Springfield's truck wrappeditself around a lightpost when two tires on the left side blew

Marple's truck flicked over while going into a sharp curve the two front tires exploded, causing the front axle to loosen.

The end of the grueling 25-mile, 100-lap race saw Marple cross the line for the checkered flag 1½ laps ahead of Springfield.



This black and orange Mack diesel won first place in the first NDTRA race this year.

Plimpton visits MN to experience spirit

Recently, our school was blessed with the presence of George Plimpton Jr. Following in his father's footsteps, he had to see what it would be like to be part of a high school football game crowd. Here is G.P.'s account!

"I had this desire to see what it was like to be part of a high school crowd and tradition. Through various sources I came upon all-state high school football fan, Pep N. Spirit. He taught me all the 'ins and outs" of the high school crowd. After weeks of research he found the ideal high school for me to enter, and scribbled it down on a piece of paper that I eventually lost.

"Before leaving his three week training course, he advised me on his top championship cheers:" 'They're like potatoes,mash 'em up.' and for a classier crowd, 'They're peas in a pod, split 'em, and empty their insides.'

"The day of the game came and I found Harry Harvey field with ease. I was supposed to sit in the middle of the bleachers, an area run by Ty Gerfan.

"Being early, I found an open slot, while my pants found a 'super-gooey' wad of bugglegum. Since Ty Gerfan was ill, his girl Em Encheerer• took charge of the section.

"A strange feeling of being lost overcame me as the Tigers plunged behind 64-0 at the halfway mark. Soon announcer Ike Stove blasted through the loudspeaker, 'last night in middle league action the basketball team lost and the ice hockey team won for a change...'

"As the stretcher marched off with the headless body of a trumpeter I felt a piece of paper crumhled in my coat pocket. I read it, puzzled, I asked Em Encheerer, 'Is this Marple Newtown High School, in Newton Rectangle,Penns...where the only losing teams are the ice hockey and wrestling teams...?'"

Glassfogel Joins Dung League

The Boston Bull, Boston's entry to the newly formed WFPTL)World Field Pie Throwing League). has signed Abe Glassfogel, the nation's prospect to a long term, seven figure, contract, bull general manager Donald Dung announced yesterday.

The contract will reportedly make Glassfogel the world's richest field pie thrower. Glassfogel's agent, Cy Clone, revealed that the contract calls for Abe to receive $3 million over a six year period.

Much of the $3 million will be put into various ax shelters.

Dung informed the press that Glassfogel's contract includes clauses that say he must play in rain, sleet. and snow storms.

When Glassfogel asked about a clause for sand storms, Dung replied, "I'm sorry, kid, there is no sandy clause."